

Amendments to the Specification:

At page 1, immediately following the title and before line 1, insert the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/954,862 filed September 9, 2001, which in turn is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/437,203 filed November 9, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,291,672, which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/043,247 filed March 12, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,028,082, which in turn is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 application of PCT International Application No. PCT/FR96/01416 filed September 13, 1996.